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MAPS

1. In the morning on 20 October, no aircraft were observed at Koethen airfield because of poor visibility. At 1 p.m., 15 to 17 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked in front of the hangars. Camouflage reported earlier had been removed from the aircraft revetments. Throughout the day on 22 October, no air activity was observed. At 4:45 p.m., landing lights were moved to the landing field and 5 swept-back jet fighters taxied to the take-off point. Beginning at 5:15 p.m., take-offs were practiced for about 10 minutes. Subsequently, no take-offs were made although visibility grew better after nightfall. Between 2 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. on 28 October, elements of two aircraft practiced flying.

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22 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field.

2. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 21 October, swept-back jet fighters fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks practiced flying. Air activity included individual flights and flights in formations of twos and fours with formation flights lasting for about one hour.

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Comment. A fighter regiment equipped with 30 to 35 MiG-15s is stationed at Koethen airfield. The aircraft revetments were camouflaged during the recent maneuvers, in which the regiments of the fighter division at Merseburg participated.

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